

Welcome to  
**St. Michael's University Church**

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, November 8, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE ISAIAH BELL

COLLECT

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. (The celebrant says the collect, to which the people respond **Amen.**)

WELCOME

SONG            “Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin’”

Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin'  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin'  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin' see what the lord has done

Sister don't stop prayin'  
Sister don't stop prayin'  
Sister don't stop prayin' see what the Lord has done

Brother don't you worry  
Brother don't you worry  
Brother don't you worry see what the Lord has done

Teacher don't stop teachin'  
Teacher don't stop teachin'  
Teacher don't stop teachin' see what the Lord has done

Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin'  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin'  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burnin' see what the Lord has done

## **READING: Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 34** (Read antiphonally by verse)

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's Name together.

5 Look to God and be radiant,  
and do not let your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.

9 Fear the Lord, you that are God's saints,  
for those who fear God lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

## GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG: "Ella's Song" (by Sweet Honey in the Rock)

CHORUS:

We who believe in freedom cannot rest  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Until the killing of black men, black mothers' sons  
Is as important as the killing of white men, white mothers' sons

CHORUS

Not needing to clutch for power,  
not needing the light just to shine on me  
I need to be one of the number as we stand against tyranny

CHORUS

To me, young people come first  
They have the courage where we fail  
I hope to hold the light up as they carry us through the gale

CHORUS

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With trust and hope, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, & bring them the joy of your salvation.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the good earth and for the wisdom to live into our interdependence with all of God's creation.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the good work of this community.  
May our roles be uplifted by one another,  
as we do healing work in Isla Vista and beyond.  
**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For what and for whom else would we like to pray today?  
(Pause)  
For all of these, we pray to God,  
**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

### Prayer Collect

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

## SONG

### “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

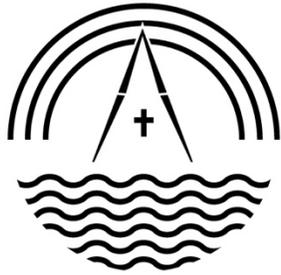
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine  
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine  
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

A SIGN OF PEACE

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!**



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